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# NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY WAS A BLAST FOR GATOR RUN STUDENTS!

BSO's Weston District, Memorial Hospital, Principal Keith Peters and hundreds of students WALKED to school on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>!







Mark your calendars for National Bike to School Day 2014 – May 7<sup>th</sup>!

Walk

For more information about Bike/Walk to School Day, visit

http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/ready/about-the-events/walk-to-school-day.





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### FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK

October 20 – 26, 2013

Florida City Government Week is a time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives and the week of October  $20^{th} - 26^{th}$  offers an excellent opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence this branch of government. Because city government is the government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents, municipal officials feel they have a responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits.

Cities across Florida will be celebrating City Government Week, sponsored by the Florida League of Cities (FLC), to showcase and celebrate cities and the many services they provide. The League is the official organization of the municipal governments in Florida, designed and established to meet and serve the needs of Florida's municipalities and their citizens.





During Florida City Government Week, the City of Weston supports this effort by initiating our annual seven month long Weston University program which begins on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This civic education program teaches high school students about municipal

government through a variety of classroom and hands-on experiences. The Weston City Commission supports and encourages educational partnerships between city government and schools and encourages all citizens to realize their potential to shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

For more information on Florida City Government Week, please visit <a href="http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com">http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com</a>.





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# WESTON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM CLASS OF 2014 BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Government has never been so fun!

The City's unique Weston University Program is starting its twelfth year of providing select high school students with an in-depth and personalized civics education. Established in 2002, each year a total of 24 students, sophomores, juniors and seniors, are selected from Cypress Bay, Sagemont and Western High Schools.



The program is a combination of classroom instruction and conversations by senior city staff; appointed and elected officials including the City Manager, City Attorney and the Mayor; and hands-on exercises and field trips. Students meet once monthly for seven months, for a full school day.

For additional information on the Weston University program click on the link: <a href="http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx">http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Communications/YouthInGovernment.aspx</a>.







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### QUARTERLY BULK TRASH PICKUP IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - <u>OCTOBER</u>

**FREE** Bulk Pickup will take place on your *regularly scheduled garbage collection day* and all items should be curbside by 7 a.m. on that day.

Single Family Homes: Wednesday, October 23rd

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Multi-family units

with dumpsters: Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

### Bulk items include but are not limited to:

- Furniture, mattresses, carpets and other large household items.
- Large and small appliances, such as dishwashers, laundry machines and stoves.
- Refrigerators or air conditioners must have Freon removed by a certified dealer.
- Mirrors, glass, glass top tables, windowpanes, and plate glass items should be safely placed in a rigid container to facilitate safe collection.

**NOT COLLECTED:** Bulk items DO NOT include contractor-generated material, or vegetative waste (landscape materials) or household hazardous waste (HHW). Vegetative/Landscape waste is collected with your regular garbage collection.

## THINK BEFORE YOU THROW – CONSIDER DONATING:

Help those in need, keep items out of the waste stream, **and** get a tax deduction. Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't have to wait for bulk pick-up day! There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items.



For questions regarding bulk pickup please call the City of Weston Public Works Services Center at 954-385-2600 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx">www.westonfl.org/Departments/PublicWorks/BulkPickup.aspx</a>.





News Release
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### **BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### National College Fair October 23<sup>rd</sup>



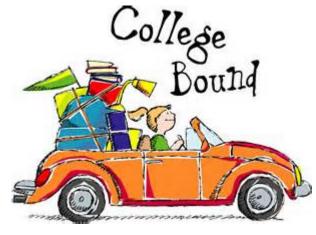
Need help making a decision on a college? Need more information on admissions? Attend the National College Fair!

All college-bound students and their families should attend the Greater Fort Lauderdale National College Fair on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, from 9:00AM – 1PM and 5:00PM – 8:30PM at the Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd, Fort Lauderdale.

As the process to select a college becomes more and more competitive and complex, students and parents need all the help and information they can get. Attending a college fair is the best way to gather information. The National College Fair program provides valuable resources for students and parents attempting to navigate the college-admission process.

The college fair allows students and parents to meet one-on-one with admission representatives from a wide range of national and international, public and private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Participants will learn about admission requirements, financial aid, course offerings, and campus environment, as well as other information pertinent to the college-selection process.

Evening workshops will cover such topics as Financial Aid and the Bright Future Scholarship



Program, Highly Competitive Colleges, Hot Jobs and Majors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Preparing Your NCAA Athlete. Translators will also be available. Parking fee is \$5.



For registration, information and a schedule of evening information workshops, visit <a href="www.browardschools.com/collegefair">www.browardschools.com/collegefair</a>. Students are encouraged to register prior to attending the event.

For more information about the Greater Fort Lauderdale National College Fair, contact Ralph Aiello at 754-321-2119.





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### **CALLING ALL RUNNERS**

Get Fit to Run *FREE* Lecture Series: Training for the big race Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **GET FIT TO RUN!**

### FREE Lecture to help runners of every skill level.

New this year is a lecture series leading up to the December 8<sup>th</sup> 5K/Half-Marathon Run for Tomorrow. This new lecture series is beneficial for established, intermediate or beginning runners. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.



### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> 7PM-9M

- Cypress Bay High School Auditorium 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston
- Space is limited and pre-registration is required, please call 954-837-1130

You've decided to run a marathon, half marathon or 5K. Now what? Join us for tips on how to train safely and effectively to achieve your personal best.

- Fuel your body for training and race day
- Avoid common running injuries
- Improve your form
- Learn strength training exercises
- Free BMI and Blood Pressure screenings offered before and after the program
- Raffle prizes all night

### The Expert Presenters:

- Dr. Jesse Shaw, Physical Therapist from Doctor's Hospital, Panel Leader
- Dr. Lina Peterson, Physical Therapist
- Lucette Talamas, R. D.



Sign up today for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Tomorrow; Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Half Marathon and 5K
- 1-Mile Family Health Walk

Early registration discounts. Please visit <a href="https://www.westonrotary.com/run-for-tomorrow">www.westonrotary.com/run-for-tomorrow</a> to register.





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# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HARVEST DRIVE KICKS OFF WITH COMMUNITY FUN DAY & FOOD COLLECTION

Children Helping Children...
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

Since 1992, the Harvest Drive has been a yearlong project that culminates in a food collection event that takes place at numerous public schools prior to Thanksgiving. Fundraising efforts and collections go on throughout the fall season. This year students from over 150 public and private schools, as well as churches, temples and neighborhoods are holding drives to supply the Harvest Drive with the non-perishable food that is distributed to the families.

The unique characteristic of the program is that in addition to the business and corporate donations, **children** are at the helm of all collections. In addition to helping others, the purpose of the Harvest Drive is to teach children at an early age that their contributions can make a difference in the lives of others, by facilitating their direct participation in the project.

The Harvest Drive provides Broward County based needy families with children with a complete Thanksgiving meal and a week's worth of groceries, as well as personal and household necessities during the Thanksgiving season.

THIS YEAR'S GOAL: Feed 2,000 families in Broward

JOIN THE KICKOFF EFFORT AT THE COMMUNITY FUN DAY Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm – 6pm at Weston Town Center Start Collecting Today and Bring Your Items on November 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Requested non-perishable items:

Juice Pancake Mix Cereal/Oatmeal

Rice Pasta Cookies

Jelly Peanut Butter Stuffing

Canned: Meats Vegetables

Cranberries Gravy

Fruit Sweet Potatoes

Napkins Aluminum Foil Shampoo

Dish Soap Laundry Detergent Toothpaste Soap/Body Wash



Sorting day at Western High School!

For more information please visit <u>www.harvestdriveflorida.com</u>.



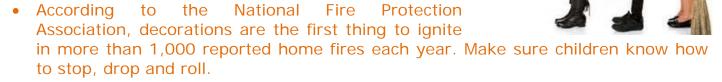


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## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF BOUCHILLON TRICK OR TREATING HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Superheroes, princesses and ghouls will soon take to our streets to begin their quest for tricks or treats! Whether dressing up and trick-or-treating or attending a celebration, autumn events like Halloween can be a fun time for children and their families.

Unfortunately, these events can also present us with numerous dangers. Here are some important safety tips:



- Trick-or-treaters can easily come into contact with open flames in pumpkins and other decorations. Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and homes. Costumes and other common decorations can be highly flammable.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry or incorporate glow sticks as part of their costume. When driving, drive slowly through neighborhoods and pay special attention for pedestrians.
- Make sure a trusted adult or older child accompanies younger children when trickor-treating. Never let young children trick-or-treat alone.
- Tell children to only approach homes that are well lit, both inside and out.



- Consider organizing or attending a party at home, a school, or community center as a good alternative to trick-or-treating.
- Parents should carefully scrutinize the candy and treats children receive. Be on the lookout for choking hazards and tampering. Allow children to eat only factory wrapped treats.

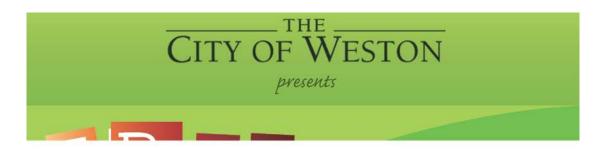
By taking the time to review these Halloween safety tips with your children, Halloween will be spooktacularly safe and an enjoyable event! For more information, please contact Chief Bouchillon at 954-389-2015 or at <a href="mailto:Harris\_Bouchillon@Sheriff.org">Harris\_Bouchillon@Sheriff.org</a>.





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# FREE PERFORMING ARTS FOR CHILDREN Fun and Exciting Magic and Puppet Shows



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Televised coverage modernizes this Aesop's fable about
a great race between a loveable tortoise and an arrogant hare. In addition to the

Coins, cards, ropes, scarves & rings... the magic happens right before your eyes! The Frog Prince In this enchant version of the tale, Wanda the spell on the prince, turning frog To break





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### **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**



## CITY COMMISSION MEETING Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. **Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



### QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL BULK PICKUP

Wed., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thur., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, Fri., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Multi-Family: \*Sat., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

Bulk trash will be picked up **on your regularly scheduled collection day**. Bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For residences with dumpster service, place items alongside dumpster. \*Indicates pick-up for multi-family units. For more information, call Public Services at 954-385-2600.

### THINK BEFORE YOU THROW - Consider donating before tossing.

Several national organizations will even pick-up directly from your residence – you don't even have to wait for bulk pick-up day! There are many local, well-established charitable organizations that readily accept donated items.



## CALLING ALL RUNNERS - Training for the big race Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm-9:00pm

Seminar providing information on how to train safely & effectively to achieve your personal best whether training for a marathon or 5K. BMI and Blood Pressure screenings before and after the program.

**Speakers:** Dr. Jesse Shaw, Dr. Lina Peterson, Physical Therapy and Lucette Talamas, R.D.

Location: Cypress Bay High School Auditorium, 18600 Vista Park

Blvd., Weston.

**REGISTRATION Required:** Free event, limited space. Please call 954-837-1130.

### **CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL PAGES**





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### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FILING DATES-2013**

### Special sign-up dates within Weston

No need to drive downtown. The Broward County Property Appraiser is providing dates for homeowner sign-up at two Weston locations for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions. For information visit <a href="https://www.bcpa.net">www.bcpa.net</a>.

Weston Community Center 20200 Saddle Club Road 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Mon., October 28<sup>th</sup> ■ Mon., November 25<sup>th</sup> ■ Mon., December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Bonaventure Town Center Club** 16690 Saddle Club Road 4:30PM – 6:00PM

Tues., November 5<sup>th</sup> ■ Tues., December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption:** A current Florida driver's license <u>or</u> Florida identification card, AND A current voter registration card <u>or</u> declaration of domicile (Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency).



### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. **Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



#### VETERANS DAY OBSERVED

### Monday, November 11th - City Offices Closed

All City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor the members of our military, past and present. Please take a moment to pause and give thanks to all of our men and women who have served in uniform, and for those protecting our country today.

All city parks will be open and there is regular garbage collection.



### **MAGIC SHOW**

Saturday, November 16th 1:30PM & 3:00PM

Don't miss this free family event! Coins, cards, ropes, scarves & rings... the magic happens right before your eyes! Suggested Age Level: Pre  $K - 2^{nd}$  Grade. Info: 954-389-4321

Location: The Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Rd.





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## FREE MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK The Croods

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

This prehistoric adventure follows a family as they embark on the journey of a lifetime after their cave that shielded them from danger is destroyed. As they travel across the spectacular landscape, they discover an incredible new world filled with fantastic creatures.

**Location:** Event Stage next to the Community Center in the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 954-389-4321.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and sit back and relax....the movie is on us!



### **CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue -** This program offers FREE CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses and their employees. Convenient weeknight and weekend CPR classes are offered as well as training right at your own location at a time convenient for you (min. 8 persons). **Call 954-389-2015** today.



### SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** - This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. Please call **954-389-2015** to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.



## WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

Select from two options (we recommend BOTH):

- Newsday Tuesday: A collection of city news articles, information and events.
- **General Notifications:** Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events. Subscribe at <a href="https://www.westonfl.org/EmailSubsciptions.aspx">www.westonfl.org/EmailSubsciptions.aspx</a>.



### **REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY**

Hurricane Season began June 1<sup>st</sup> – be prepared!
All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. The

City will only send out a message on CodeRED in an emergency situation or to update residents after an emergency. To register, please visit <a href="http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx">http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx</a>.